**Number of sick industries**

2385. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise number of sick industries in small, medium and large scale during the last three years in Public, Cooperative and Private Sector;

(b) State-wise break-up of the above units under suspensions of work closure and lock-out; and

(c) State-wise position of sick industries referred to BIFR during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Action on special mentions in the house**

2386. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state how many actions have been taken against Special Mentions in 1999?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): As per guidelines, reply to a Special Mention raised in the Rajya Sabha is required to be replied to within a period of one month from the date on which the matter is raised in the House. Sixty-three Special Mentions have so far been raised during the year 1999. However, only 14 Special Mentions out of these are one month old and action in respect of six of these have already been taken. Information in reply to ten out of remaining 49 Special Mentions which are less than one month old have also been furnished.